(b) Land acquisition (103.35 hectare), major bridges (3 nos.) and minor bridges (41 nos.) have been completed. The earthwork to the tune of 7.87 lac cum out of 8.25 lac cum completed. Track linking has been started.

(c) This rail route is targeted for completion by December, 2008. The line will be commissioned to passenger traffic after inspection and authorization by Commissioner of Railway Safety.

Budgetary provision for conversion/ upgradation of broad gauge in Gujarat

916. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to his Ministry for making adequate budgetary provision for conversion/upgradation of broad gauge in respect of certain lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the budgetary provision for each line approved for conversion/ upgradation; and

(d) by when the work relating to conversion/upgradation would likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) As per available records, requests had been received in the past from Government of Gujarat for allotment of adequate funds for completion of following ongoing projects:-

Project	Outlay provided during 2008-09	Status and Target date for completion, wherever fixed
1	2	3
i) Veraval-Somnath new line and Wansjalia-Jetalsar gauge conversion of Rajkot-Veraval gauge conversion	Rs. 80 crore	Veraval-Somnath new line completed. Wansjalia-Jetalsar gauge conversion is likely to be completed by 2009-10.
ii) Surendranagar- Dhrangadhara section of Surendranagar-Pipavav gauge conversion project	Rs. 1 crore	Main line work completed. Surendranagar-Dhrangadhara target not yet fixed.
iii) Viramgam-Mahesana-Patan gauge conversion project	Rs. 40 crore	Gauge conversion completed.
iv) Bharuch-Dahej gauge conversion	Rs. 5 crore	Project is being implemented through Special Purpose Vehicle for which share holder agreement has been signed. Concession agreement finalized. Target date for completion is 2009-10.
v) Rajpipla-Ankleshwar	Rs. 15 crore	Detailed estimate sanctioned.
vi) Pratapnagar-Chhota Udepur	Rs. 55 crore	Pratapnagar-Dabhoi (35 Kms.) sections has been commissi-oned. Balance section is likely to be completed by 2008-09.

1	2	3
vii) Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur	Rs. 0.01 crore	Included in the Railway Budget, 2008-09. Preliminary activities like preparation of plan, estimates, etc. have been taken up.

Necessary funds have been provided for various projects keeping in view availability of resources and priority of project.

Railway line from Jammu to Kashmir

917. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending before Government for new railway line from Jammu to Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A 54.85 kms. long rail line from Jammu to Udhampur has already been commissioned. A 292 kms. long rail line from Udhampur to Baramulla *via* Srinagar has also been taken up and has been partly commissioned from Anantnag to Rajwansher.

Track renewal

918. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of laying one kilometre rail line in India compared to other neighbouring countries;

(b) the length of the old rail line identified for immediate track renewal in the country, State-wise and zone-wise;

(c) the total cost likely to be incurred thereon and allocation made during 2008-09; and

(d) the time by when the renewal of rail lines is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Cost of laying one kilometre new rail line is approx. Rs. 5 crore. However, this may vary with the type of terrain. No such data regarding cost in neighbouring countries is maintained.

(b) Track renewal is a continuous activity and as soon as track becomes due for renewal, it is processed for sanction. 3759 Km of Complete Track Renewal (CTR unit) have been identified for track renewal for the year 2008-09. The figures of State-wise are not maintained. Zone- wise figures are as under: